

REMARKS

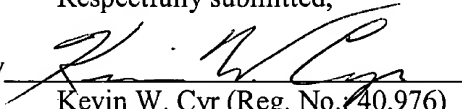
Claims 1 to 29 are pending in the present application. In an Office Action mailed January 17, 2002, the Examiner subjected Claims 1 to 29 to a restriction requirement for examination purposes. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, Applicant will elect to proceed with Group I, Claims 1 to 17 with traverse to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

The fee required for a four month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 as well as a formal request for the extension has been included with this Response. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-3732.

Respectfully submitted,

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